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Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent



This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at \$1.5 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1972 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such with U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included

in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada the statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under \$251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The table on the following page provides a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of--	Proportion of cells with			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
\$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
\$100,000-\$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
\$20,000-\$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under \$20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from \$3,000 to \$15,000			
Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of--	Are likely to have sampling variability of--			
\$300,000 and over	Less than 2%			
\$100,000-\$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%			
\$20,000-\$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%			
Under \$20,000	Generally \$500 to \$5,000			
Cells of \$0	Generally less than \$500			

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption

and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued \$251 and over. Data for shipments valued under \$251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under \$251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under \$251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of \$500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under \$500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than 5 percent.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)										Value (1,000 dollars)									
	Total		U.S. flag carriers		North America		South America		Europe		Asia		North America		South America		Europe		Asia	
	All carriers	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	U.S. flag carriers	North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Australia and Oceania	
Total, all carriers...	131,926	(X)	29,582	13,263	64,339	19,035	8,123	18,336	6,123	5,600	2,314	663,067	(X)	81,938	46,679	3,515,741	43,049	17,335	12,478	
U.S. flag carriers....	4,506	4,945	12,074	3,924	18,336	19,035	2,314	5,600	2,314	5,600	373	237,629	3,861	14,483	110,340	62,128	4,508	2,756		
Boston, Mass.	86	86	86	86	660	2	86	47	15	39	2,087	11,134	1,869	29	18,666	601	167	735		
Bridgeport, Conn.	86	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	77	73	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Edinburgh, N. Y.	851	849	849	849	40,167	6,888	347	1,222	330,567	98,584	15,928	3,489	3,433	3,394	23,690	52,074	2,757	7,475		
New York City, N. Y.	55,967	16,180	3,890	3,451	221	51	967	144	6	38	7,358	2,825	752	414	3,266	2,802	23	103		
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,428	705	60	60	19	19	4	161	161	161	98	—	—	—	60	1	—	—		
Baltimore, Md.	84	84	84	84	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Washington, N. C.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Charleston, S. C.	62	62	(Z)	11	41	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Savannah, Ga.	270	249	136	—	130	1	—	3	1,658	829	479	—	—	—	1,139	20	—	—	—	
Tampa, Fla.	104	82	81	—	22	—	—	—	—	—	254	93	206	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Mobile, Ala.	16	16	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	168	630	1,537	167	9	—	—	—	—	
New Orleans, La.	301	166	438	63	307	1	—	—	—	—	1,008	310	317	13	476	3	—	—	—	
Laredo, Tex.	367	169	119	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	846	828	846	—	—	—	—	—	—	
El Paso, Tex.	119	119	119	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Nogales, Ariz.	148	104	148	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	749	697	749	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Los Angeles, Calif.	6,677	1,730	583	3,165	2,864	454	99	58,784	2,864	2,864	1,704	2,059	1,704	23,232	27,116	4,061	612	—	—	
San Francisco, Calif.	5,830	3,010	295	60	583	932	932	27	51,423	21,880	2,220	460	50,004	36,110	7,511	123	123	—	—	
Portland, Ore.	102	101	20	—	81	1	—	(Z)	1,508	1,421	1,421	1,421	1,421	1,421	1,180	110	110	2	—	
Seattle, Wash.	947	589	325	1	304	295	1	22	2,724	3,513	2,098	4	1,958	2,832	14	371	—	—	—	
Anchorage, Alaska.	153	7	5	—	59	69	—	—	—	—	474	61	9	—	29	436	—	—	—	
Honolulu, Hawaii.	164	57	—	—	59	75	82	—	—	—	1,771	1,390	57	—	50	1,193	471	—	—	
Great Falls, Mont.	214	149	149	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	341	341	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Pembina, N. Dak.	159	149	149	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	341	341	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Minneapolis, Minn.	326	150	—	—	62	112	70	1	5,944	5,102	647	—	—	—	797	3,647	842	12	—	
Detroit, Mich.	1,914	1,416	477	28	1,345	14	11	39	8,619	6,644	2,000	42	6,188	67	—	—	—	—	—	
Chicago, Ill.	12,884	6,235	3,660	2	6,908	2,037	39	187	54,480	25,853	16,312	13	28,005	9,234	135	763	10	3	—	
Cleveland, Ohio.	857	80	612	4	237	1	—	(Z)	4,340	2,184	1,395	—	2,402	2,402	23	—	—	—	—	
St. Louis, Mo.	139	139	42	—	117	(Z)	—	(Z)	1,581	1,581	1,581	1,581	1,581	1,581	1,168	1	—	1	—	
San Juan, P.R.	908	615	702	199	6	—	—	—	3,675	2,768	1,464	1,742	1,742	1,742	1,368	1	—	100	—	
Miami, Fla.	16,247	6,552	8,421	7,487	302	35	(Z)	1	41,517	16,156	17,002	21,692	2,029	780	7	8	—	—	—	
Houston, Tex.	2,235	959	910	275	600	186	2	262	8,109	2,853	1,893	362	3,162	1,751	2,901	7	901	28	—	
Washington, D.C.	859	543	15	48	784	7	1	4	6,169	979	112	312	5,642	69	—	—	—	—	—	
All other districts....	91	79	51	23	2,252	597	—	—	—	—	3,134	3,019	31	2,865	81	—	—	—	—	—
Shipments under \$251....	15,985	(M)	6,198	1,246	5,334	(D)	—	—	—	—	2,252	2,252	(D)	7,251	8,989	8,989	3,833	1,195	994	—
Special Category.....	833	431	—	—	—	(D)	—	—	—	—	10,014	4,856	(D)	4,856	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	—

D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.

— Represents zero.

than \$100 pounds or \$500.

— Not available.

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Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unloading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)										Value (1,000 dollars)											
	Total		North America		Europe		Asia		Australia and Oceania		Africa		North America		South America		Europe		Asia		Australia and Oceania	
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	Africa	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	Africa	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	Africa	North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania
Total, all carriers..	70,390	(X)	7,610	6,315	34,902	20,536	533	366	418,151	(X)	191,097	127,466	32,662	14,309	234,513	127,466	3,983	15,094	1,865	1,525	1	
U.S. flag carriers....	30,587	2,673	3,145	13,539	10,927	268	34	14,203	6,700	6,605	102,323	65,804	177	12,801	285	21	29	1,525	1	29	1	
Boston, Mass.....	2,495	1,261	117	64	2,440	67	2	6	14,203	6,700	6,605	102,323	65,804	177	12,801	285	21	29	1,525	1	29	1
Bridgewater, Conn.	1,191	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Brownsville, Pa.	111	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Budapest, Hungary	252	242	227	1,997	5,433	186	194	191	191,658	72,732	4,411	8,267	133,855	30,661	22	7,912	245	3	66	13,512	1	
Buffalo, N.Y.....	11,763	11,133	769	1,997	21,625	(Z)	719	24	8,543	5,770	295	55	7,739	116	116	116	116	116	116	116	1	
Baltimore, Md.....	778	489	34	1,07	19	1,07	19	1	930	865	2,643	2,641	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Baltimore, Md.....	139	122	13	1	353	(Z)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Wilmington, N.C.....	353	353	(Z)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Charleston, S.C.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Tempo, Fla.....	38	10	1	1	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Savannah, Ga.....	39	38	10	1	2	(Z)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Tempo, Fla.....	7	4	4	1	2	(Z)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Mobile, Ala.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
New Orleans, La.....	219	58	198	6	5	2	2	2	170	103	114	24	121	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Laredo, Tex.....	111	93	111	111	111	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	259	136	234	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
El Paso, Tex.....	22	18	22	18	22	18	18	18	451	358	440	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Nogales, Ariz.....	25	24	25	24	25	1,072	1,072	1,072	322	320	320	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Los Angeles, Calif.....	7,520	3,400	1,072	1,072	1,072	1,072	1,072	1,072	31,414	9,747	692	18,742	35,842	1,667	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	
San Francisco, Calif.....	6,447	4,510	344	5	253	1,072	1,072	1,072	62,974	14,068	30,367	14,068	30,367	17	2,182	45,346	30	30	30	30	30	
Portland, Ore.....	1,064	923	96	1	1	1	1	1	45,068	12	4,068	12	4,068	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Seattle, Wash.....	1,064	923	96	1	1	1	1	1	7,069	1	4,814	1	4,814	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Anchorage, Alaska.....	34	4	2	2	17	17	17	17	(Z)	327	23	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	429	155	22	20	363	24	24	24	3,214	1,638	28	1,638	28	1,638	28	1,638	28	1,638	28	1,638	28	
Great Falls, Mont.....	40	35	34	34	34	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	6	271	178	265	178	265	178	178	265	178	178	178	178	
Pembina, N. Dak.....	23	19	23	19	23	13	13	13	1	168	93	161	93	161	93	161	93	161	93	161	93	
Minneapolis, Minn.....	50	34	13	13	13	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	244	210	130	1	130	1	130	1	130	1	130	1	130	
Detroit, Mich.....	1,431	999	435	435	911	84	84	84	5,152	3,816	904	2,973	179	3,973	179	3,973	179	3,973	179	3,973	179	
Chicago, Ill.....	3,742	1,512	346	5	2,971	345	345	345	12	64	30,049	11,440	4,376	82	2,029	604	2,029	604	2,029	604	2,029	
Cleveland, Ohio.....	1,322	35	34	34	34	34	34	34	3	1,041	311	451	311	451	311	451	311	451	311	451	311	
St. Louis, Mo.....	53	46	3	3	47	47	47	47	(Z)	548	535	535	535	535	535	535	535	535	535	535	535	
San Juan, P.R.....	1,999	526	1,047	485	159	159	159	159	1	2,993	903	1,518	903	1,518	903	1,518	903	1,518	903	1,518	903	
Manila, Phils.....	6,383	2,971	2,921	3,261	2,88	12	12	12	1	12,689	5,709	6,436	5,709	6,436	5,709	6,436	5,709	6,436	5,709	6,436	5,709	
Houston, Tex.....	2,994	133	100	104	633	5	5	5	1	1	5,323	5,323	5,323	5,323	5,323	5,323	5,323	5,323	5,323	5,323	5,323	
Washington, D.C.....	667	600	27	2	7,331	7,331	7,331	7,331	1	1	5,821	5,821	5,821	5,821	5,821	5,821	5,821	5,821	5,821	5,821	5,821	
All other districts.....	82	75	10	10	10	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	608	592	103	1	103	1	103	1	103	1	103	1		
Shipments under \$251..	5,310	703	103	354	2,630	1,356	53	53	87	6,473	(NA)	857	432	432	432	432	432	432	432	432	432	

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Represents zero.

NA Not available.

X Not applicable.

Z Less than 500 pounds or \$500.